Examination of gas pricing by ECC

1954. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Energy Coordination Committee (ECC) headed by the Prime Minister was formed in 2005 to promote coordination in inter-departmental action and for decision making in the area of energy planning;

(b) if so, the composition of the Committee;

(c) whether the same was in place in September, 2007; and

(d) if so, why the issue of gas pricing of KG basin D6 was not examined by ECC and a separate EGOM had to be formed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Energy Coordination Committee was set up by the Government to enable a systemic approach top policy formulation, promote coordination in inter Departmental action and function as a key mechanism for providing institutional support to decision making in the area of energy planning and security in 2005.

(b) The composition of the Committee is as under:

(i) Prime Minister — Chairman.

(ii) Minister of Finance.

(iii) Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

(iv) Minister of Power.

(v) Minister of Coal.

(vi) MOS for Non-Conventional Energy Sources.

(vii) Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

(viii) Member (Energy), Planning Commission.

(ix) Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to PM.

(x) Chairman, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council.

(xi) National Security Advisor.

(xii) Principal Secretary to PM — Convenor.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Hydro-electricity potential

1955. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the hydro-electricity potential in the country;

(b) the amount of hydro-electricity being generated, so far;

(c) whether there is any action plan to tap the entire potential of hydro-electricity in view of the fact that it is cleaner energy; and